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Hamilton, Mark F. and Blackstock, David T., eds. 1998,
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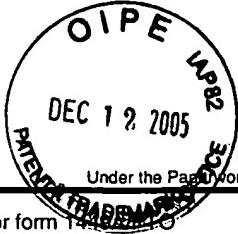
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